

Arts Students' Union

Annual Members Meeting 2026

Wednesday 27th May – Meeting Minutes

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| Chair | Zaine Cowan (LCC Officer) | Starting time | 16:00 |
| Notes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2026 AMM was originally scheduled on the 22nd of April. However as the required attendee count for quorum was not met, the meeting had to be adjourned to the 27th of May. • As the officer updates had been presented at the previous meeting before adjournment, officers were not required to attend this meeting. | | |

Participants

- Zaine Cowan (LCC Officer & Chair)
- Ellie Walsh-O'Neill (Student Communities Officer)
- Charmaine Chikiwa (CCW & CCI Officer)
- Nathalie Grigorenko (Interim Deputy CEO Membership)
- Justina Cruickshank (Deputy CEO Operations and Services)
- Kiera White (Interim Democracy & Influencing Manager)
- Alastair Copland (Democracy Coordinator)
- Rod O'Donnel (Campaigns and Community Organiser)
- F.Shamnath (Student)
- N.Kapoor (Student)
- I.Jhunhunwala (Student)

Apologies

- Summer Lam (Union Affairs Officer)
- Ayon Ghosh (CSM Officer)
- Jianing Lu (LCF Officer)

| Item | Presenter | Notes |
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| Welcomes | Zaine Cowan (LCC Officer & Chair) | <p>ZC asks what the attendees would like, whether to go through the slides or ask specific questions, and that because of number at attendees it is up to them.</p> <p>ZC starts meeting at 16:08</p> <p>ZC goes through the agenda for the meeting with no objections.</p> |
| SU Trustee Board, Affiliations, and Finances Update | <p>Nathalie Grigorenko (Interim Deputy CEO Membership)</p> <p>Justina Cruickshank (Deputy CEO Operations and Services)</p> | <p>NG hands over to JC, who introduces themselves.</p> <p>JC explains the income of the Union, including the Union Block grant, other grants, trading activities, clubs and societies, and other sources.</p> <p>JC presents the income and expenditure of the Union between 2019 and 2025, highlighting a small deficit in 2025 of £50,000, smaller than the previous year. This is due to research resources and restructuring during this year to address changing demand at the Union to ensure more services for students, such as Front of House support for students, clubs and societies.</p> <p>JC presents Donations and Legacies. There was more in July 2025 than the previous year because club societies increased their membership, highlighting the popularity of the free membership model and its positive impacts on UAL.</p> <p>JC introduces trading activity. In 2025 the Union increased its income in trading activities, including darkroom and mechanise material. JC highlights any surplus made goes straight back into students and the services.</p> <p>JC introduces charitable expenditure, covering the different sources.</p> <p>JC thanks for time and offers for any questions. There are no questions raises</p> <p>NG introduces themselves and the unions Trustee governance. Explains the structure of the trustee board, membership, sabbatical officers, and other small parts.</p> <p>NG shares -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student group membership growth - Professional development fund/ - Celebrating student wins and award ceremonies <p>Clarifies it is just an overall summary as the slide and content is large, but welcomes any questions or further discussion.</p> |

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| | | <p>NG introduces affiliations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Union of Students (Charity and UK) - BUCS - ACUI (acronym) - NCVO - Advice UK <p>NG thanks time and invites any questions to themselves or JC. ZC invites for questions. No questions</p> |
| Officer Updates | Sabbatical Officer Team | <p>ZC explains the sabbatical officer team structure and the number of sabbatical officers at Arts SU.</p> <p>ZC presents updates on SL's behalf, explaining Cost of Living, EDI, and Communication & Transparency.</p> <p>EW introduces and discusses her work around getting a student Gym and Student Spaces, sharing a win of meeting with Karen Stancer at UAL to set up a task and finish group for sport space at UAL. EW also shares the win of Arts SU now represented on Space Management Committee, and that Sports & Wellbeing facilities are now included in the UAL AES survey. EW shares the next steps of the task and finish group meeting and the desire for a sports survey.</p> <p>ZC presents updates on AG's behalf, including supporting students, new events, and collaboration & inclusion.</p> <p>CC updates on Careers & Employability, having set up two workshops so far, supporting the inclusion of CCW and CCI with an update on the task and finish group, and the work she has carried out to support students' basic needs at UAL.</p> <p>ZC presents updates on JL's behalf, updating on Academic Quality, Sustainability, Career and Employability, and Events.</p> <p>ZC introduces and updates on the Darkroom Bar campaign, invites to join the regular meetings by reaching out to officers. Shares they are collecting feedback on the SEAtS system, updates on financial literacy work, and representation, sharing their south Asian heritage and mosaic of belonging exhibitions.</p> <p>ZC shares opportunity to ask officer questions. There are no questions.</p> |
| Questions to Trustees | Zaine Cowan (LCC Officer & Chair) | AOB. ZC opens the floor for contributions. There are no contributions. |
| Any other business (A.O.B) | Zaine Cowan (LCC Officer & Chair) | <p>ZC closes by sharing the Policy & Research that the Union does, and the opportunities to contribute to the research project.</p> <p>ZC shares the dates and opportunities final slide, before closing the meeting at 16:47.</p> |

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